

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (Revised)

A system for accessing and purchasing digital audio books over a network. In the system, multiple contents servers are connected to a network, the contents servers storing digital audio data of digital books. A data base server is connected to the network, the data base server including a book data base storing search data of the digital books. A terminal is connected to the network, the terminal including a searching capability for searching the search data of an object digital book. The terminal also includes a playback capability for communicating with the contents of the contents server, including the digital audio data of the object digital book on the basis of the search data. The system enables to terminal to download the digital audio data of the object digital book from the contents server and to play back the digital audio data as voice.